

### REMARKS

Kindly enter this amendment before calculating the amount of fees due. After entry of this amendment, claims 1-24 and 26-34 are pending. Claims 1-24 and 26-34 have been amended. Claim 25 has been canceled. No new matter has been introduced in these amendments.

The Examiner is kindly requested to call the undersigned attorney should there be any matters to discuss in connection with this amendment or other formal issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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